

# Vacancy Announcement



**U.S. Embassy Copenhagen**

<b>ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: VA 14-09</b>	<b>SUBJECT: Accounting Technician</b>	<b>June 12, 2014</b>
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**OPEN TO:** All Interested Candidates/All Sources

**POSITION:** Accounting Technician. FSN-7; FP-7

**OPENING DATE:** June 12, 2014

**CLOSING DATE:** June 27, 2014

**WORK HOURS:** Part-time; 20 – 30 hours/week

**SALARY:** Ordinarily Resident (OR) 382,753 p.a. full-time (FSN 7)  
(Applicant **WILL** be appointed at a lower training grade).

**Non-Ordinarily Resident (NOR) \$40,394 p.a. full-time (FP 7)**  
(Salary (grade and step) will be determined by EUR/IO-HR)

**ALL ORDINARILY RESIDENT (OR) APPLICANTS MUST HAVE THE REQUIRED WORK AND/OR RESIDENCY PERMITS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION. Copies of Work/Residency permits must be included with your application to be considered for the position.**

The American Embassy in Copenhagen is seeking an individual to fill the position of Accounting Technician in the Financial Office, Management Section.

## **BASIC FUNCTION OF THE POSITION.**

The incumbent performs a range of budget activities for agencies within the U.S. Embassy, as well as maintaining their allotment accounts. Reviews travel authorizations for compliance with federal and agency travel regulations for embassy employees. As alternate cashier is

occasionally responsible for a U.S. Disbursing Office cashier advance, and cash accountability transactions. Prepares VAT and energy tax refund claims.

***A copy of the complete position description listing all major duties and responsibilities is attached at the end of the Vacancy Announcement.***

## **QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED**

All applicants must address each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item.

- 1. Education:** Completion of secondary school required.
- 2. Prior Work Experience:** Minimum one year of accounting experience and some cash management required.
- 3. Language Proficiency:** English and Danish level 3 (good working knowledge) sp/rd/wr required. **(Language proficiency will be tested).**
- 4. Job Knowledge:** Good knowledge of accounting and budgeting principles. Some cash management and control. Working knowledge at a medium level of computer applications in a Windows environment, including spreadsheets required.
- 5. Skills and Abilities:** Good interpersonal skills and the ability to be flexible and work independently and as part of a small team. Ability to analyze budgets and identify trends in expenditure patterns. Ability to organize and prioritize to cope with multiple tasks at one time. Trained as an end user in word processing, spreadsheet and database programs, e.g. Microsoft Word, Excel and Access.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

When fully qualified, U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) and U.S. Veterans are given preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidate specifically address the required qualifications above in the application.

## **ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA**

Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget, and residency status in determining successful candidacy.

1. Current employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply.
2. Current Ordinarily Resident employees with an Overall Summary Rating of Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory on their most recent Employee Performance Report are not eligible to apply.

3. Currently employed U.S. Citizen EFM's who hold a Family Member Appointment (FMA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment.
4. Currently employed NORs hired under a Personal Services Agreement (PSA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment unless currently hired into a position with a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.

**TO APPLY:** Interested candidates for this position must submit a cover letter specific for this position and the following for consideration of the application:

1. Universal Application for Employment as a Locally Employed Staff or Family Member (DS-174); **or**
2. A current resume or curriculum vitae that provides the same information found on the UAE (*see Appendix B*); **or**
3. A combination of both; i.e. Sections 1 -24 of the UAE along with a listing of the applicant's work experience attached as a separate sheet; **plus**
4. Candidates who claim U.S. Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application. Candidates who claim conditional U.S. Veterans preference must submit documentation confirming eligibility for a conditional preference in hiring with their application.
5. Any other documentation (e.g., essays, certificates, awards) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position as listed above.

You may leave out Personally identifiable information (PII) to protect your identity when forwarding your application e.g. your social security number.

**SUBMIT APPLICATION TO**

[CopenhagenHRVacancy@state.gov](mailto:CopenhagenHRVacancy@state.gov)

To view the DS 174-Universal Application for Employment form (UAE) & application instructions, please go to our website <http://denmark.usembassy.gov/>

**Your e-mail must state the vacancy announcement number and your name in the subject line.**

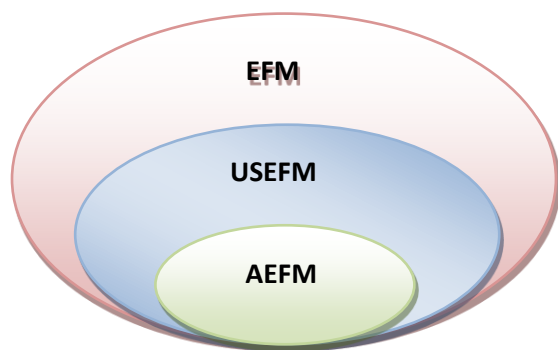
**Your application package must be received by the HR Office by the closing date by COB.**

## CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: June 27, 2014

The U.S. Mission in Copenhagen provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs.

The EEO complaint procedure is not available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.

### Appendix A DEFINITIONS



This diagram demonstrates how an Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM) is also a U.S.-citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM) as well as an Eligible Family Member (EFM).

1. **Eligible Family Member (EFM):** An individual related to a U.S. Government employee in one of the following ways:

- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610);
- Child, who is unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support. The term shall include, in addition to natural offspring, stepchildren and adopted children and those under legal guardianship of the employee or the spouse when such children are expected to be under such legal guardianship until they reach 21 years of age and when dependent upon and normally residing with the guardian;
- Parent (including stepparents and legally adoptive parents) of the employee or of the spouse, when such parent is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support;

- Sister or brother (including stepsisters and stepbrothers, or adoptive sisters or brothers) of the employee, or of the spouse, when such sibling is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support, unmarried, and under 21 years of age, or regardless of age, incapable of self-support.

2. **U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM):** For purposes of receiving a preference in hiring for a qualified position, an EFM who meets the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen; and,
- EFM (see above) at least 18 years old; and,
- Listed on the travel orders of a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member assigned to or stationed abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and either:
  1. Resides at the sponsoring employee's or uniformed service member's post of assignment abroad or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; or
  2. Resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance (ISMA) location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2.

3. **Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM):** EFM (see above) eligible for a Family Member Appointment for purposes of Mission employment:

- Is a U.S. citizen; and
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610) or a child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; and
- Is listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126, Foreign Service Residence and Dependency Report, of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad at a U.S. mission, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT), and who is under chief of mission authority; and
- Is residing at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad or, as appropriate, office of the American Institute in Taiwan.
- Does not receive a Foreign Service or Civil Service annuity

4. **Member of Household (MOH):** An individual who accompanies a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member permanently assigned or stationed at a U.S. Foreign Service post or establishment abroad, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan. An MOH is:

- Not an EFM; and,
- Not on the travel orders of the sponsoring employee; and,
- Has been officially declared by the sponsoring USG employee to the COM as part of his/her household.

A MOH is under COM authority and may include a parent, unmarried partner, other relative or adult child who falls outside the Department's current legal and statutory definition of family member. A MOH does not have to be a U.S. Citizen.

4. **Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR)** – An individual who:

- Is not a citizen of the host country; and,
- Does not ordinarily reside (*OR*, see below) in the host country; and,
- Is not subject to host country employment and tax laws; and,
- Has a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN).

NOR employees are compensated under a GS or FS salary schedule, not under the LCP.

5. **Ordinarily Resident (OR)** – A Foreign National or U.S. citizen who:

- Is locally resident; and,
- Has legal, permanent resident status within the host country; and,
- Is subject to host country employment and tax laws.

EFMs without U.S. Social Security Numbers are also OR. All OR employees, including U.S. citizens, are compensated in accordance with the Local Compensation Plan (LCP).

## **Appendix B**

If an applicant is submitting a resume or curriculum vitae, s/he must provide the following information equal to what is found on the UAE.

**Failure to do so will result in an incomplete application.**

- A. Position Title
- B. Position Grade
- C. Vacancy Announcement Number (if known)
- D. Dates Available for Work
- E. First, Middle, & Last Names as well as any other names used
- F. Current Address, Day, Evening, and Cell phone numbers
- G. U.S. Citizenship Status (*Yes or No*) & status of permanent U.S. Resident (Yes or No; if yes, provide number)
- H. U.S. Social Security Number and/or Identification Number
- I. Eligibility to work in the country (*Yes or No*)
- J. Special Accommodations the Mission needs to provide (*Yes or No; if yes, provide explanation*)
- K. If applying for position that includes driving a U.S. Government vehicle, Driver's License Class / Type

- L. Days available to work
- M. List any relatives or members of your household that work for the U.S. Government (include their Name, Relationship, & Agency, Position, Location)
- N. U.S. Eligible Family Member and Veterans Hiring Preference
- O. Education
- P. License, Skills, Training, Membership, & Recognition
- Q. Language Skills
- R. Work Experience
- S. References

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65% of time

In conjunction with the Budget Analyst perform the full range of allotment accounting functions for State (Consular, DS and PD), CDC, DAO and ITA budget accounts. Including establishment of allotments and obligations in the Regional Financial Resources Management System (RFMS). Using the COAST reporting software analyzes apparent trends in obligations, and in consultation with allotment managers identifies and processes adjustments to obligations as required.

10%

As alternate class B cashier handle all cash transactions including payments, collections, accommodation exchange, deposits and replenishments. Maintains records of all cash, check and related transactions. Conduct daily and monthly cashier reconciliations as part of the USDO reporting requirements. Ensure consular cashiers and MGT sub-cashiers perform work in accordance with regulations.

10% of Time

Prepare VAT and energy tax refund claims for submission to the Danish Foreign Ministry and Danish Tax authorities.

10% of Time

Review and fund cite, prior to approval by traveler's supervisor, travel authorizations entered in the Embassy's travel management system to ensure compliance with federal and agency travel regulations. Create vendor codes in RFMS Momentum and request user profile set up in the E travel system.

5% of Time

Other related duties as assigned by the supervisor.